

Fresno Police Department

Chief's Advisory Board Minutes

March 29, 2007

Present: Kamal Abu Shamsieh, Ed Bailey, Roz Clark, Morgan Doizaki (for Kathy Omachi), Tom Gentile, Frank Franco, Robert Harris, Jr., Jesse McDonald, Debbie Nard (resigned), Rebeca Rangel, Enrique Reade, H. Spees, Lt. Randy Dobbins and D.C. Pat Farmer.

Absent: Anthony Alaniz, , Cary Catalano, Gordon Donoho, Paula Farris, Lawrence Garcia, Harry Gill, Floyd Harris, Lorena Martinez, Jim Newman, Luke Raughley, Michael Roth, Jan Sangster, Deep Sethi, David Tittle, and Darrell Tuckness,

Guests: Sgt. Tim Hahn and Robert Sack.

The meeting was held in the City Hall Annex Training Room and called to order at 5:39 pm.

Chief Dyer was unable to attend the meeting due to being in Sacramento.

Minutes:

Minutes from February 22, 2007 were approved.

Agenda Items:

Status of OIS: All officers are doing well and on the road to recovery. All but one officer, Brian Nieto, have returned to patrol.

Upgrade to PD Motorcycles: With the recent increase in shootings, the PD is looking into retrofitting some sort of bullet proof material to the front of the motorcycles. The motorcycle officers have very little, if any, room to guard themselves if someone shoots at them. Capt. Garner, of the traffic division, has been in talks with Pinnacle, the body armor manufacture, to see if it is possible to add something to the motorcycles in order to make them safer.

Temporary Comm. Center: The dispatcher center at head quarters was recently moved to the traffic operations center after they were notified that there were not enough phone lines at the current facility. The PD has received a grant in order to add the additional phone lines, but do not expect the upgrade to be done until

June. D.C. Farmer stated that on May 17, 2006 cell phone calls started coming directly to the Pd dispatch center. This has caused a 28% increase in the volume of calls received. In 2006, approximately 722,000 calls were handled at the communication center.

Customer Service Bureau (CSB):

The department is looking into starting a Customer Service Bureau (CSB) to handle low priority calls and keep in contact with those callers who have not yet received an officer. The bureau will be staffed with cadet's and CSO's. The goal is to help the department run more efficiently, make the public feels as if they are being treated fairly, and decrease the time it takes to respond to a low priority call.

Roundtable:

Debbie Nard resigned from the board.

Roz Clark stated that she is seeing more and more children riding bikes without helmets. This problems needs to be addressed before someone is seriously injured.

Frank Franco stated that the PD is a business; it must be run lean but efficient. If people are told what to expect when calling 911 it may speed up the process.

Enrique Reade thanked the officers running the scarred stiff program and stated they are doing a great job. The program has been operating for one year and they have yet had a repeat DUI offender.

Rebeca Rangel stated that an independent police auditor is needed. The city council must be pushed to make this decision. If interested, please contact her so a meeting with your council representative can be arranged.

Morgan Dolzaki stated that there is a large problem with the homeless persons in China Town. Many of them abuse alcohol and drugs. This problem needs to be addressed in order to clean up that area of the city. The board gave him advice oh how to evict someone when necessary.

Robert Harris stated that the public must be informed on what a "real" 911 call is and that if you call 911 it does not mean faster service.

Announcements:

Two new K-9's are being sworn in on April 4th at the training facility.

Closing Remarks:

None.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.